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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/548,290	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SASAKAWA ET AL.	
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 29 December 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The applicant has resubmitted the IDS originally filed on 4/15/00 in order to request consideration of references AAB, AAC, and AAD which had been lined through as not complying with 37 CFR 1.97 and/or 1.98, see the initialed IDS attached to the first office action mailed to applicants on 10/2/01. However, applicant's resubmission of this IDS fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because it lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e) and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered. Applicant is advised that the date of any resubmission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609.05(a).*

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